GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3002
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PASSENGERS TRAVELLING WITHOUT TICKETS AND CARRYING UNBOOKED LUGGAGE IN THE TRAINS.
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that a number of passengers travel without tickets and carry unbooked luggage in trains in connivance with railway officials causing loss of revenue to it;

(b) if so, whether special ticket checking teams with magistrates have carried out special ticket checking drives in this regard;

(c) if so, the number of times such drives have been conducted during the last three years and current year and number of passengers apprehended travelling without tickets and with unbooked luggage;

(d) the amount realized as fare, fines by the said teams during the said period, zone-wise;

(e) the number of passengers imprisoned for being unable to pay fare and fine, zone-wise;

(f) the action taken against the railway officials found guilty; and

(g) the measures taken to curb such illegal activities in the trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : Some cases of passengers travelling without tickets and carrying unbooked luggage in trains do come to notice from time to time. Staff are also sometimes found to be involved with passengers in such irregular travel.

(b): Special ticket checking teams with railway magistrates carry out special ticket checking drives against ticketless/irregular travellers. Passengers unable to pay railway dues are produced and prosecuted by the railway magistrates.

(c) to (e) : A statement is attached

(f) & (g): Vigilance and Anti-Fraud Squads of Zonal Railways conduct surprise checks to curb various malpractices being indulged by railway staff including connivance with ticketless travellers. Railway staff found guilty are taken up under Disciplinary and Appeal Rules.